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Senator Murkowski Addresses AMA

Senator Lisa Murkowski shared her views related to the responsible development of Alaska's natural resources and the importance of an established regulatory system during the 2012 annual Alaska Miners Association Conference, Nov. 8, 2012.

Among her many comments related to overreach in Alaska by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), [Senator Murkowski](#) commented specifically on the draft Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment stating, ".....a preemptive veto makes no more sense than a premature approval."



Peer Review Panel - Assessment Needs Work

The independent scientific peer review panel charged with evaluating the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) draft Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment is criticizing the agency's lackluster document citing deficiencies of data, incomplete methodologies, dated mining practices and unrealistic and exaggerated predictions.



Validating what scientific experts across the state have voiced, as well as concern expressed by the state of Alaska and a broad range of Alaska businesses, the peer review panel cites a multitude of flaws, errors and exclusion of modern mitigation practices among the long list of criticisms. [Read the EPA peer review report...](#)



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